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**Via ECFS**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: WT Docket No. 12-332**  
**WT Docket No. 12-69**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 7, 2013, Sean Spivey and I met with Roger Noel, Chief, Mobility Division and Becky Schwartz, Attorney Advisor, Mobility Division, to discuss CCA carrier members' pending requests for waivers and extensions of time to build out their Lower 700 MHz A and B Block licenses.

CCA discussed its previous request that extensions of time be granted for no less than two years after the Commission concludes its interoperability proceeding<sup>1</sup> as well as its carrier members' requests. CCA discussed the various approaches the Commission could take in granting requests for extensions of time. CCA also addressed timing for when a decision on the requests may be issued and, if granted, the potential length of extensions of time. The Commission acknowledged that carriers need to promptly make business decisions related to their licenses, including whether or not to purchase equipment to execute build-outs independent of an interoperable Lower 700 MHz band or their long-standing business models. CCA urged the Commission to act promptly.

This notice of *ex parte* is being submitted pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(a). Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

/s/

Rebecca Murphy Thompson  
General Counsel

cc: Roger Noel  
Becky Schwartz

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<sup>1</sup> See Letter from Rebecca Murphy Thompson, General Counsel, Competitive Carriers Association to Marlene Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WT Docket No. 12-69 (filed Oct. 17, 2012) (attaching CCA's July 27, 2012 Request for Extension of the Build-Out Deadlines for Lower 700 MHz A Block Licensees).